



HEADED FOR CHILE . . . Cadet Lt. Leroy W. Thompson, 22954 Menlo Ave., is now in Chile as one of a number of Civil Air Patrol cadets taking part in an international cadet exchange with 21 foreign nations. Here Maj. Robert P. Pinkney, Squadron 43 commander, congratulates Thompson as the cadet's mother, Mrs. L. W. Thompson, beams approval.

Local CAP Cadet In Chile This Summer

Spending the summer in Chile under the 1957 Civil Air Patrol International Cadet Exchange program is Cadet 2nd Lt. Leroy W. "Tommy" Thompson, 22954 Menlo Ave.

Cadet commander of South Bay CAP Squadron 43, he was chosen as one of the outstanding CAP cadets in the country to serve as "ambassador of good will, representing the United States' air-minded youth." The annual exchange of young men from 21 friendly nations is based on the concept of using the airplane as an instrument of international brotherhood.

Recently promoted to the rank of cadet 2nd Lt., Thompson has been active in the local unit, based at Torrance Municipal Airport after transferring from a cadet unit in Oklahoma.

He was flown via Air Force airlift to the CAP national headquarters in Washington, D. C., for a four-day orientation and briefing period. He then was flown to Chile via a stopover in the Panama Canal Zone.

Sera Graduate
A graduate of Serra High School, where he was an honor student, he will report to Paratrooper School under the Army Reserve program after

Obituaries

Ruth Marcella Slack

Final rites were held yesterday for Ruth Marcella Slack, 43, former Lomita resident, in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Don Shelby officiating. Ladies of the Moose officiated at graveside services at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

A native of Decatur, Ill., she died Saturday at Harbor General Hospital after a long illness. She recently moved to 3739 Blue Canyon Dr., Studio City.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer; son, Daniel; daughter, Mary Fitzgerald; mother, Mary Dreascher; brother, Earl Dreascher; and sister, Margaret Harwick.

Willis King Cook

Willis King Cook, 88, former Torrance resident, died Wednesday at San Bernardino. Funeral services were held yesterday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Don Shelby officiating. Burial was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Born in Washington County, Mo., he was a retired steelworker.

Survivors include sons, Stanley, Shafter, and James, Pendleton, Ore.; daughters, Naomi Winner, Crestline; Margaret Shirley, Wilmington; Norma Dunbar, Lomita; and Bernice Corvett, Huntington Park; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.

William Silhan

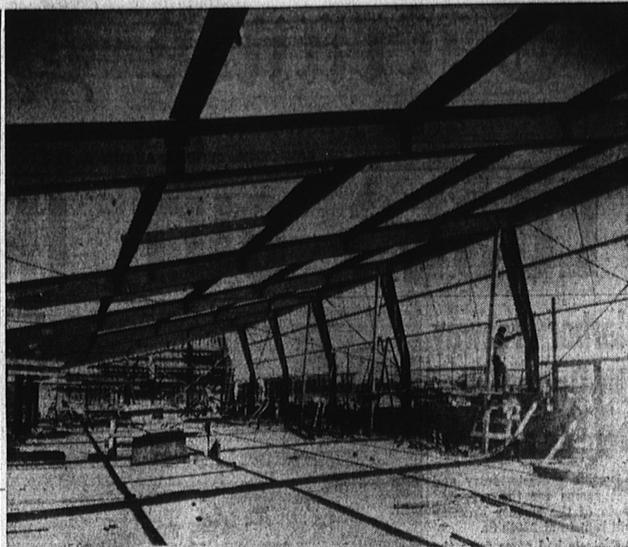
Rosary for William Silhan, 58, 1508 Fern Ave., will be recited tonight at 8:30 p.m. in Stone and Myers Chapel, while final rites will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Church of the Nativity.

A native of New York, he was a retired Navy veteran, having served in both World Wars. He lived here two years.

Survivors include his widow, Rose Marie; son, Daniel, Torrance; and fraternal brother, Robert Silhan, Honesdale, Pa.; daughters, Frances Drath, New London, Conn.; and Louise Silhan, Torrance; two brothers; and three sisters.

His return from Chile. A part Oagee Indian, he has applied for a four-year college scholarship to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology available to members of that tribe. He hopes to train for a future in nuclear physics.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy W. Thompson.



GOING UP—SLOWLY . . . South High School, originally slated to open in September, was going up this week, but slowly, due to the continuing strike of the plumbers and sheet metal workers. The settlement of the hod carriers' strike failed to offer encouragement because other work depends on installation of plumbing. The school probably will not be opened until late fall because of strike delays.

Open House Sunday for Supervisor

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, will be honored at an open house next Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Garey, 3633 W. 157th St., Lawndale, from 1:30 until 6 p.m.

Free refreshments for children will be served.

In attendance will be Assemblyman Clayton Dills, and his brother, Judge Dills of the Municipal Court.

All interested citizens may attend, according to Mrs. Garey, who is secretary of the Democratic Council, and the supervisor will explain county plans for future development.

Bible School At Baptist Church Nears

Vacation Bible School begins at the First Baptist Church, 2118 W. Carson St. on Aug. 12. Beginners will attend from 9 to 11:30 each day for one week, Aug. 12-16. Primary and junior age children will participate for two weeks, Aug. 12-23. An evening program for junior high young people will be conducted Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings during the two week period.

A program of crafts, Bible study, missionary stories, recreation, and fellowship is planned under the supervision of experienced leaders. The theme of the school is "Pioneering With Christ" and all the varied activities will be in keeping with this theme.

Bright Douglas Future Seen by Chief Engineer

A bright future for the El Segundo division of Douglas Aircraft was painted by E. H. Heinemann, chief division engineer, at a Wednesday meeting of the El Segundo Management Club at the Mayflower Ballroom, Inglewood.

He based his optimism on the fact that a considerable number of A4D Skyhawks and some A3D Skywarriors have been ordered by the Navy for fiscal 1958. He said also that additional orders are expected for both models during fiscal 1959.

"Barring unforeseen circumstances," Heinemann said, this means that we should have production of A3D and A4D airplanes through 1960. And, unless a superior replacement for them comes along, production may be extended beyond that."

Big Navy Plant
The Douglas chief engineer described the El Segundo division as primarily a U. S. Navy defense plant. "Our past record," he said, "shows that we have specialized in the field of attack aircraft. This is the field in which we have had the most experience and on which we should logically place our emphasis. Present indications are that we will continue in this field, and we are at present studying ways and means of extending the usefulness of the A3D and A4D.

Heinemann said the engineering department is currently working on a new attack airplane for which a competition will be held in August.

Tough Competition
"This will be tough competition," he said, "as there are 13 bidders competing for the business. We are studying this attack airplane as a complete weapon's system. The airplane, the navigation and fire control system and the weapon are considered as one. As the requirements are great, it will become quite complicated and expensive, and will challenge our ingenuity to the utmost."

He discussed at length the many problems associated with designing high performance aircraft. For example, he said that the division's engineers have gone through preliminary designs that show an airplane can be built to fly at Mach Five with present materials and technical knowledge. He added, however, that the problems become very difficult.

Firm Praised
Heinemann said the Douglas Company is the largest, most diversified aircraft company in the world. He said the company's products have been known through the years for their quality and dependability. There is every indication, he said, that its position in the future will be maintained. He warned, however, that in view of tightened defense budgets our military business will require the most diligent efforts of all El Segundo employees as the aircraft industry has become more highly competitive than ever before.

In conclusion, he said, "I am convinced that if the performance of our aircraft follows a good orderly progression, and we keep our quality and dependability high, we will be able to hold our position with competition as we have in the past, and can be assured of a good future in this very great aircraft business."

WALGREN NAMED SCOUT EXECUTIVE FOR AREA

John H. Walgren, a new Torrance resident, has been named Harbor Area District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America.

Co-ordinating the activities of 131 Cub packs, Scout troops, and Explorer posts in Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro, and Wilmington will be the task of Walgren. Helping him with the task of overseeing the 4492 members in this area will be Robert J. Fleischman, also of Torrance.

36 Groups Here
The city of Torrance itself has 14 Scout troops, 15 Cub packs, and seven Explorer posts.

A native of Salt Lake City and member of the Latter Day Saints Church, Walgren received his education at the University of Utah. While active in church work, he was a member of the Salt Lake City Junior Chamber of Commerce, receiving the group's "Key Man" award in 1948.

He left private business in 1951 to enter full-time Scouting work. He had been a Scout as a boy and later served as an adult volunteer. A graduate of the 182nd National Training School for Scout Executives in Mendham, N. J., he received his first assignment in the Eastern district.

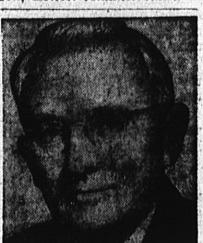
Two Young Scouts
The Walgrens recently moved into a home at 4114 W. 183rd St. Johnny, 12, is a Scout, while Barge, 10, is a Cub. Daughter Susan, 6, isn't eligible to be a Boy Scout, however.

Torrance residents active in Harbor District Scout activities include Dr. Howard A. Wood, former district chairman; Thomas Wilkes, advancement chairman; Robert Cooper, district commissioner; William



JOHN H. WALGREN
... New Scout Executive

Sells, executive committee member; Harvey Harms, organization and extension chairman; Bill Stokes, member at large; Dr. Allen Hofferber, Jamboree chairman; Dean Sears, finance chairman; Richard Pyle, finance committee member; Dr. Carlton Way, organization and extension committee member, and Cliff Samson, district committeeman.



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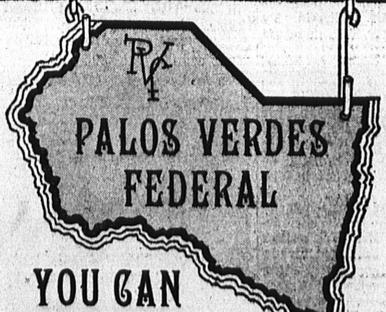
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